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BALA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1957

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual health report for the year ending 31st. December 1957.

There was a small drop in the estimate of the mid year population viz: 10 offsetting the previous year's increase of 60.

There were 7 fewer live births than in 1956, which had showed an increase of seven on the previous year. There were no still births or infantile deaths.

The number of deaths was 3 fewer than in the previous year, and of these the majority was in those diseases affecting the more elderly persons, viz: diseases of the heart and circulation and hyperplasia of the prostate gland.

The number of deaths from cancer was halved, and of these one was of the lung.

There was no major epidemic of notifiable infectious disease, and no cases of food poisoning.

There was one new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified, and once again there were no deaths from this disease.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Urban District in acres	659
Rateable Value at 1/4/58	15,940
Population (Registrar General's figures)	1,560
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1957/58	£ 58. 7. 4.19.
Number of Inhabitated houses(According to the Rate Books) at end of year	560

BIRTHS.COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births	1.08
Deaths	0.88

VITAL STATISTICS

Net Births (Live and Still)	-	23
Births (Live)	-	23
Births (Still)	-	.
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	-	14.74
Live Births	-	23.
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	15	8
Legitimate	15	8
Illegitimate	-	-
Illegitimate Birth Rate (Percentage of Total Live Births)	-	NIL.
	1956 figures	- 6.66.

DEATHS

Total number	-	21
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	10	11
Rate per 1,000 population	-	12.82
1956 figures	-	15.28
<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	-	-
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-
Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births)	-	Nil
1956 figures	-	33.33
Deaths of Legitimate Infants	-	Nil
(Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	-	Nil
Death of Illegitimate Infants	-	Nil
(Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	-	Nil
<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 Weeks.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	Nil	Nil
<u>Maternal Mortality.</u>		
Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy	-	Nil
<u>Deaths from Cancer</u>	-	Total 2
Rate per 1,000 population	-	1.28
<u>Deaths from Tuberculosis</u>	-	Nil
Rate per 1,000 population	-	Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.

One Public Health Inspector.

2. Laboratory Facilities.

Water analysis (Chemical) carried out by Mr. Harold Lowe,
Public Analyst, Chester.

Water analysis (Bacteriological) and mil examination for
cleanliness and keeping quality by the Public Health
Laboratory Conway and Aberystwyth.

3. Ambulance Facilities.

One ambulance stationed in Bala.

4. Infant Welfare Clinics

Held every fortnight at Hafan Bala.

5. Ante Natal Clinics.

Held at Hafan, Bala once a month.

6. Orthopaedic Clinic.

Held at Hafan, Bala once a month.

7. Tuberculosis Clinic

Held at the Cottage Hospital Dolgellau twice a month.

8. Diphtheria Immunisation.

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Immunisation of babies and young infants is carried
out at regular intervals at the Primary School.

9. Hospitals.

There is no hospital within the Urban area.

10. Infectious Diseases.

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) notified during the year - 6.

Scarlet Fever	- Nil
Bacillary Dysentery	- Nil
Whooping Cough	- 3
Measles	- 3
Infantile Paralysis	- Nil

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases

Pulmonary

Total - 1

Males - 1 Females - Nil

Non-Pulmonary

Total - Nil

Males - Nil Females - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary

Total - Nil

Non-Pulmonary

Total - Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1957 in age groups

New Cases

Deaths

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
2								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25	1							
35								
45								
55								
65								
75								
TOTAL	1							

CAUSES OF DEATH 1957

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Cancer Stomach	-	-
" Lungs	1	-
" Breast	-	1
" other sites	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	3
Coronary diseases, angina	3	-
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	3	6
Other circulatory disease	-	-
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-
Bronchitis	-	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastiritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	-	-
Suicide	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
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Total	10	11
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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1946.

No cases were dealt with under this Act.

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1957

1. HOUSING. No. of inspections 265
Notices issued
 (a) Preliminary under Public Health Act 36
 (b) Preliminary under Housing Acts 2
Statutory Notices issued
 (a) Under Public Health Acts --
 (b) Under Housing Acts 3
Statutory Notices complied with
 (a) Under Public Health Acts --
 (b) Under Housing Acts 3
2. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Housing Act 1949)
 Approved 1
 Completed Nil
 No new houses were built during the year.
3. MILK SAMPLES
 Samples taken for Statutory testing at Public Health Laboratory, Conway 11
 No. of samples found not to comply with Statutory test 2
 Two biological samples were taken during the year. One sample showed no evidence of tuberculosis or brucella infection. In the other case the guinea-pig died of intercurrent disease.
4. DAIRIES (TWO) These are inspected regularly and are kept satisfactorily.
5. RODENT CONTROL (Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949)
 No. of inspections 165
 Treatment carried out by part-time operator as required.
 The refuse tip and sewers regularly treated.

6. DETAILS OF MEAT CONDEMNED.

<u>Cattle.</u>	Injuries and bruising	85 lbs.
	Fluke	20 whole livers.
	Tuberculosis and others	1 tongue (actinomycosis)
<u>Sheep.</u>	Fluke	44 whole livers
	Total condemnation	3 (emaciation)
	Bruising and other causes	30 lbs.
<u>Pigs</u>	Injury	11 lbs.
	Parasitic infections	2 livers 1 kidney
	Other diseases	2 heads (tuberculosis)

TINNED FOODS

Meat	-	26
Vegetables	-	6
Fruit	-	61
Milk	-	13
Others	-	17

OTHER FOODS

16 boxes of Plums
2 dozen Cucumbers
149 Cauliflowers

7. SHOPS ACT FOOD PREMISES ETC.

No. of visits - 208

Difficulty was again experienced in enforcing the regulations dealing with mobile vans.

8. WATER SAMPLES. (public supply)

No. of samples taken during the year - 12

These were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Conway for bacteriological examination. Two samples taken at the end of June and the beginning of July fell into Class 3, probably due to pollution by sheep. Every other sample was placed in Class 1.

9. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS. There is one private slaughterhouse situated at Plasey.

No. of animals slaughtered:-

Cattle	-	168
Sheep	-	1835
Pigs	-	248
Calves	-	2

